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SUBJECT: GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES 29TH SESSION: XXIV:5(A)
AND XXIV:6

AS APPROPRIATE (PRESUMABLY UNDER ITEM 2, REPORT OF COUNCIL)
US REP SHOULD STATE THAT:

1. US REGRETS THAT WP ON ACCESSIONS TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES HAS NOT REACHED A CONSENSUS ON METHODOLOGY FOR EXAMINATION OF ACCESSION TREATY UNDER ARTICLE XXIV: T(A) OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT AND THAT THE EC WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THAT AN ASSESSMENT BE UNDERTAKEN ON THE BASIS OF BOTH METHODOLOGIES DISCUSSED IN THE WORKING PARTY. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE WORKING PARTY, ESTABLISHED IN MARCH 1972, WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE ITS MANDATE BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF THIS YEAR--THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE TREATY OF ACCESSION. THE US CONSIDERS IT TO BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE ORDERLY ADMINISTRATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT--AND HENCE OF THAT OF ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES --THAT THE WORKING PARTY COMPLETE ITS TASK BEFORE THE NEXT SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

2. US REGRETS THAT THE XXIV:6 RENEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT YET RESULTED IN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EC AND THE US. US STRONGLY HOPES THAT CONCESSIONS WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN UNTIL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AND THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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